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SUBJ: SADAT INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TV

SUMMARY. IN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TELEVISION, SADAT SAID HE
WILL DISCUSS ARMS PURCHASES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN APRIL,
MEET WITH GISCARD AFTER US VISIT, WANTS ARAB "MARSHALL PLAN"
FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA, AND HITS QADHAFI AND COMMUNISTS. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TV PUBLISHED HERE FEB. 24, SADAT
BROKE NO NEW GROUND BUT SOUNDED OFF ON SOME FAVORITE THEMES:

2. ARMS: SADAT SAID IT WAS "CERTAIN" HE WOULD BRING UP QUESTION
OF ARMS SALES IN HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN US, AS HE
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HAD WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING RECENT VISITOM SOVIETS HAVE
CUT OFF DELIVERIES AND EGYPT MUST HAVE ALTERNATE SOURCES FOR
DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. FRENCH HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING IN THIS
REGARD AND EGYPT WAS GRATEFUL. ASKED IF FRANCE WOULD ALSO
SELL TO ISRAEL, SADAT SAID ONLY THAT US NOW FULLY SATISFYING
ISRAELI WEAPONS NEEDS.

3. FRANCE. MEETING WITH GISCARD IN PARIS WILL BE LIKELY ON RETURN FROM US. (FONMIN FAHMY TOLD AMBASSADOR OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS ALSO LIKELY TO BE VISITED AFTER U.S. VISIT). VISIT WOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF JUST CONCLUDED, USEFUL TALKS WITH GUIRINGAUD. GISCARD'S ME ROLE PRAISEWORTHY.

4. ISRAEL AND PEACE. THERE NO OBSTACLES TO PEACE FROM ARAB SIDE, BUT MEETINGS WITH ISRAELIS (WITH EXCEPTION OF GENEVA) IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG AS ARAB TERRITORIES STILL OCCUPIED.

5. ARAB BROTHERS. ASKED IF ARAB AID SUFFICIENT, SADAT REPLIED THAT ARABS HAD BEEN MOST GENEROUS WHEN OCTOBER WAR WAS LAUNCHED. NOW, SADAT HOPING ARABS WILL FINANCE "MARSHALL-TYPE PLAN" FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA.

6. LIBYA. QADHAFI'S PROBLEM IS PSYCHOLOGICAL. HE IS ERRATIC AND UNRELIABLE, ISOLATED FROM ARAB MAINSTREAM, BUT INCAPABLE OF UNDERMINING ARAB SOLIDARITY.

7. COMMUNISTS. COMMUNISTS CONSPIRACY WAS BEHIND JAN. 18-19 RIOTS IN EGYPT. FUTILE OBJECTIVE WAS TO DEPICT EGYPT AS UNSTABLE NATION AND WEAKEN ITS HAND IN ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

DETAILS AND SIZE OF PLOT ARE KNOWN BUT TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR FULL DISCLOSURE.

8. SADAT CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD PLAY ROLE IN HELPING BRING ABOUT PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND INVITED WESTERN EUROPE TO PLAY ITS PART IN PEACE PROCESS.
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9. COMMENT: WE CAN EXPECT TO HEAR MORE ON GOE DESIRE TO PURCHASE US ARMS BEFORE SADAT LEAVES FOR US. ON POLITICS, HOWEVER, HE SEEMS TO BE SEEKING REMOVE A FEW EGGS FROM US BASKET, AT LEAST FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, BY STRESSING FRENCH CONNECTION AND REITERATING REQUEST FOR MORE ACTIVE EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY ON MIDDLE EAST.
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